

City of Santa Clara
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Peter Yoon, R. Rushton Hurley, Maria Jensen, Jim Mathre, Eugene Mirabella, Barbara Stahl and Yuki Ikezi

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF: Dan Beerman, Staff Liaison

VISITORS: Andrew Ratermann (SCA), Debi Davis (SCA), John Hartnett, Ray O'Flaherty and Spike Standifer, Citizens

Recommendation for Council Action – None.
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Chair Yoon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was immediately adjourned to the City Council by the SCA and students that participated in a recent trip to Santa Clara's Sister City Coimbra, Portugal, so the commission could observe their presentation. The meeting was reconvened at 7:15 PM.

I. Roll Call

All present.

II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of October 2, 2007 were approved. (Mathre / Mirabella).

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Memo from City Clerk on meal reimbursements
- San Jose Mercury News article on San Jose Sister Cities
- Letter from Mayor Nishio of Izumo, Japan
- Letter from Mayor Mahan to Wujiang City, People Republic of China
- Leadership Santa Clara announcement. Yoon was selected to represent the Commission.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

V. SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

A. SCA Report

Monthly report submitted. The SCA had made a presentation to Council at the beginning of this meeting. A report on the NorCal conference was submitted (see item VI. C)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Limerick, Ireland Sister City Request

John Hartnett, Ray O'Flaherty and Spike Standifer made a presentation concerning establishing a Sister City relationship with Limerick, Ireland. They discussed 4 main areas of focus for the relationship: 1) Education – both have universities and initial

discussion with both Santa Clara university and the University of Limerick have been positive; 2) Business and High Tech – many Silicon Valley companies have European headquarters in Limerick, including Intel; 3) Arts – Bill Whelan, composer for the internationally renown Riverdance is a supporter; and 4) Sports – rugby and soccer programs. Motion (Hurley / Mirabella) to add to the next agenda to provide direction on the Limerick request by the February meeting. Passed.

B. Review of NorCal Sister Cities Conference

A report on the conference, written by John and Lorraine Figueira, was provided to the commission.

C. Survey of Other City's Programs Update

Summaries of research by Stahl, Yoon, and Jensen were presented. Hurley to work with staff to consolidate the reports. Additional reports may be submitted later.

Action request by Hurley for all to provide each other information about cities contacted by the January meeting and to work on defining program objectives.

Motion (Hurley / Jensen) to add January 8, 2008, as the next meeting date, the main focus on the meeting to be on Sister City program direction. Passed. There originally was no January meeting planned as it would have been on New Years day.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Other Exchange Activities and Proposals

1. Coimbra Update:
None.
2. Izumo Update:
None.

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None.

IX. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner	Action	Date Due
All	Consider info for Pending Activities Calendar	Open
All	Visitor Gift Ideas	Open
Staff	To research costs for the CAC banner art – bookmark gifts	1/08/08
Staff	Review the Council's Principles and Priorities report	1/08/08
Staff	New badges and business cards	1/08/08
All	Research other Sister City programs	1/08/08

Staff	Send video to Izumo	1/08/08
Staff	Add January 8, 2008 as new IEC meeting date	1/08/08
Staff	Information of staff distribution of international requests	1/08/08
All	Provide direction on possible Limerick Sister City program	1/08/08

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7 PM in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM (Mathre / Jensen).

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mathre, Recording Secretary